Posts lying vacnt in the Ministry of Finance

2790. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts lying (vacant) in the various departments of the Ministry of Finance during the last three years;

(b) what are the reasons for the delay in filling up these posts; and

(c) by when these posts are likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) The number of posts lying vacant during the last three years in the various Departments (Secretariat) of the Ministry of Finance is as under:

Position as on	No. of Posts
1-3-1985 . .	62
1-3-1986 . .	113
1-3-1987 . .	292

(b) and (c) The delay is broadly due to non-availability of suitable candidates in accordance with the prescribed recruitment procedure. Action is, however, being taken to expedite the recruitment.

Filling up of posts lying vacant in the Ministry of Commerce

2791. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts lying vacant in the Ministry of Commerce since 1984;

(b) what are the reasons for the delay in filling up these posts; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to fill up these vacancies and by when these vacancies are likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNISHI): (a) to (c) The vacancies in various grades/posts are filled in accordance with the relevant recruitment rules with the approval of the competent authority as and when the occasion arises. However, 4 vacancies since 1983 and 3 since 1985 have so far been filled up. It is not proposed to fill up these vacancies yet due to administrative reasons.

Filling up of posts lying vacant in the Ministry of Environment and Forests

2792. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts lying vacant in the Ministry of Environment and Forests since 1984;

(b) what are the reasons for the delay in filling up these posts; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to fill up these vacancies and by when these vacancies are likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) 44.

(b) and (c) Since the orders creating the bulk of the posts were issued by the then Department of Environment on 21st December, 1984, major development which have taken place and have contributed to delay in filling up posts include:

— An integrated Department of Environment, Forests & Wildlife was created in 1985 necessitating restructuring the set up in